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STATE ACCEPTING CRUMB RUBBER GRANT PROPOSALS Application deadline is February 1, 2010

FRANKFORT, Ky. (December 1, 2009) - The Energy and Environment Cabinet is accepting grant proposals for projects that promote the use of recycled waste tires for athletic fields, playgrounds, and other crumb rubber or mulch applications.

To a limited degree, the cabinet will consider funding research and development proposals for experimental practices or technologies.

For this grant program year, total funding available for all projects is limited to \$300,000.

Applications must be received by COB on February 1, 2010 at the Division of Waste Management's central office in Frankfort. The application and any supporting documentation must be submitted in order for the application to be complete.

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Grant funding comes from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, an endowment established in 1998 by the Kentucky General Assembly to receive fees collected from new tire sales.